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schools of Freeborn county, Minnesota, and subsequently followed his profession in western North Dakota. Being attracted by a commercial career he then entered the Bank of Elbow Lake, Minnesota, and after a short time went from that place to Roseau, Minnesota, as bookkeeper and teller in the bank there, remaining for one year. Becoming familiar with the work at hand and showing ability his promotion was rapid and in the next year he became cashier of the Citizens Bank of Barrett, Minnesota, remaining there for one year or until the spring of 1907, when he came to Decorah to become connected with the Decorah State Bank as bookkeeper. At the next meeting of the board he was elected assistant cashier, ably serving in that capacity until 1912, when he was made cashier and was reelected in 1913. The years of his connection with the Decorah State Bank have been years of profitable expansion for the institution and the work of Mr. Berg has been an important contributory factor in extending the bank's interests. The Decorah State Bank is one of the substantial organizations of the city and county and was organized in the fall of 1906 with a capital stock of fifty thousand dollars. Today it shows a surplus of seventy-five hundred dollars, giving an indication of the sound business policy pursued. The present officers of the bank are: R. A. Engbertson, president; G. E. Soland, vice president; E. E. Berg, cashier; A. R. Johnson, assistant cashier, and Ruby R. Engbertson, bookkeeper and teller. In addition to the president, vice president and cashier, the board of directors consist of E. J. Hook, T. Stabo, L. S. Reque and Borger Hanson.

On April 10, 1907, Mr. Berg married Miss Edith Brauer, a daughter of Ferdinand Brauer, who is a retired farmer of Mabel, Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Berg are devoted members of the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran church of Decorah, the latter being also affiliated with the Ladies Aid Society, while Mr. Berg is serving as church treasurer. In politics he gives his allegiance to the republican party but does not actively participate in public affairs although he keeps well informed upon the issues of the day as they affect the nation, state and his locality. Socially both he and his wife are highly esteemed and they are popular in the younger social set.

CLEMENS SCHOLBROCK.

Clemens Scholbrock, engaged in general farming and stock-raising on section 13, Washington township, is one of Winneshiek county's native sons, his birth having occurred in the section where he now resides on the 28th of October, 1857. He is a son of Henry and Louisa (Richter) Scholbrock, natives of Germany, who came to America in early life and after spending eight years in Wisconsin came to Winneshiek county, where the father engaged in farming until his death, which occurred in 1889, having survived his wife for some time. To this union were born three children: Henry and Theodore, of Minnesota; and Clemens, of this review.

The last named was reared upon his father's farm and from his childhood has been familiar with the details of farm operation, dividing his time between his studies in the district school and his duties as assistant in the work of the